THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) As per information available, the number of persons who died due to Viral Hepatitis including Hepatitis-B during the year 2001 is 1014.

(b) The measures taken by the Government to control the spread of Hepatitis-B are as under: -

- Mandatory screening of all blood donations for HBsAG at Blood Banks.
- Health education activities to promote safe sexual behaviour under the National AIDS Control Programme.
- Instructions have been issued to the Health Authorities for use of a separate sterile syringes and needles for each injection.
- Central Government Hospital personnel at risk to be immunized. State Governments have also been advised to take similar steps.

Introduction of World Bank Project to check use of fake drugs

† 2570. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce a World Bank Project to stop the use of fake drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken against the sellers of these drugs, so far; and

(d) the number of cases,noticed, so far?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b)The Government has during the current financial year (2002-03) posed to the World Bank a Capacity Building Project to augment the infrastructure, manpower etc. of the Central and States Drugs Testing Laboratories. In this project, the proposal of about 26 drugs testing laboratories have been included.The total cost of project both for food and drugs sector is about Rs. 300 crores, in which Rs. 94 crores is meant for drugs sector. .

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government has also initiated a project under Centrally Sponsored Scheme costing approximately Rs. 5 crores for networking of State Drugs Control Administration and Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation through computerization. Under this project, online communication amongst the States shall be feasible for instant retrieval of information by all States/ CDSCO offices including secure and confirmed transmission of data based information regarding various regulatory activities, thereby ensuring monitoring of quality of drugs manufactured and sold in the country including check on inter-state movement of spurious/fake medicines.

(c) A statement showing the number of prosecutions launched, number of cases decided etc. during the period 1.4.2000 to 31.3.2001 is enclosed as Statement-I (See below).

(d) A statement showing the number of samples tested, number of samples found sub-standard, number of samples found spurious by State Drug Licensing Authorities during the period 1.4.2000 to 31.3.2001 is enclosed as Statement-I I.

Statement-I

The Number of Prosecutions Launched, Number of cases decided etc. During the Period 1.4.2000 *to* 31.3.2001

SI. No.	State/UTs	Number of Prosecutions Launched	Number of cases decided
1.	Andhra Pradesh	84	27
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
3.	Assam	6	Nil
4.	Bihar	N.A.	N.A.
5.	Goa	2	Nil
6.	Gujarat	31	11
7.	Haryana	N.A.	N.A.
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12	7
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	68	3

SI. No.	State/UTs	Number of Prosecutions Launched	Number of cases decided
10.	Karnataka	22	12
11.	Kerala	50	13 .
12.	Madhya Pradesh	9	7 63
13.	Maharashtra	157	
14.	Manipur	Nil	Nil
15.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
16.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil.
17.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil
18.	Orissa	10	3
19.	Punjab	22	18
20.	Rajasthan	45	19
21.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil
22.	Tamil Nadu	106	52
23.	Tripura	2 6	Nil
24.	Uttar Pradesh		Nil
25.	West Bengal	8	1
26.	Pondicherry	Nil	Nil
27.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Nil	Nil
28.	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
29.	Delhi	11	9
30.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil
31.	Daman &Diu	Nil	Nil
32.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil
33.	Uttaranchal	Nil	Nil
	TOTAL:	651	245

N.A. Information not Available.

Statement-ll

State-wise Number of Samples tested; Number of Sample found Sub standard; Number of Samples found spurious by State Drugs Licencing Authorities during the period 1.04.2000 *to* 31.3.2001.

SI.No. States/UTs	Tested	Sub-standard	Spurious
1. Andhra Pradesh	3588	174	27
2. A&N Islands	Nil	Nil	Nil
3. Assam	207	9	Nil
4. Arunachal Pradesh	37	Nil	Nil
5. Bihar	550	32	3
6. Chandigarh	120	26	Nil
7. Delhi	912	42	7
8. Goa	257	43	Nil
9. Gujarat	4083	439	2
10. Haryana	3120	136	15
11. Himachal Pradesh	606	25	Nil
12. Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil	Nil
13. Karnataka	2358	184	Nil
14. Kerala	3541	162	Nil
15. Madhya Pradesh	3456	125	1
16. Maharashtra	4849	712	3
17. Meghalaya	115	7	Nil
18. Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil
19. Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil
20. Nagaland	8	2	Nil
21. Orissa	1571	61	Nil
22. Pondicherry	Nil	Nil	Nil
23. Punjab	1041	117	17
24. Rajasthan	665	149	13
25. Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil
26. Tamil Nadu	3645	509	4
27. Tripura	465	25	Nil
28. U.P.	583	64	19
29. West Bengal	1170	45	1
30. Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil
31. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil	Nil
32. Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Nil
33. Uttaranchal	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	36947	3088	112